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SUBJECT: NATIONAL SCREENING COMMITTEE OF THE MINISTRY OF
EDUCATION -- STATUS ON PROCESSING OF SF CP PROPOSALS
UNIVERSITIES AND IIT'S

DR. STEFFEN H. PEISER, CHIEF, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, NATIONAL
BUREAU OF STANDARDS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE EMBASSY SCIENCE
SPECIALIST S K DUTT MET SEVERAL GOI OFFICIALS. HE WAS VERY
WELL RECEIVED. SOME OF THE IMPORTANT POINTS MADE BY GOI
OFFICIALS WHICH COULD BE OF INTEREST TO SEVERAL AGENCIES ARE
BRIEFLY REACCOUNTED BELOW:

1. THE RECONSTITUTED NATIONAL SCREENING COMMITTEE OF THE
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, ACCORDING TO ITS NEW SECRETARY
ANIL BORDIA, IS SCHEDULED TO MEET IN THE FIRST OR SECOND WEEK
OF JUNE WHEN IT WILL CONSIDER SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY PROJECTS
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OR THEIR SUPPLEMENTS THAT ARE STILL PENDING WITH THE UNIVERSITY

GRANTS COMMISSION (UGC). SFCP PROPOSALS BOTH FROM THE UNIVERSITIES AND THE IIT'S WILL COME UNDER ITS PURVIEW. THE COMMITTEE WILL MEET EVERY THREE MONTHS AND AT ITS SECOND MEETING WHICH WOULD PROBABLY BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER, IT HOPES TO CONSIDER FRESH SFCP PROPOSALS.

2. THE COMMITTEE HAS ALREADY APPROVED GUIDELINES WHICH IT HAS ASKED UGC TO CIRCULATE TO UNIVERSITIES FOR INVITING FRESH PROPOSALS. THE SECRETARIAT FOR PROCESSING PROPOSALS FROM UNIVERSITIES WILL STILL BE AT UGC WHICH WOULD TECHNICALLY REVIEW ALL THE PROPOSALS BEFORE RECOMMENDING THEM TO THE NATIONAL SCREENING COMMITTEE. AS TO WHO WILL TECHNICALLY APPROVE THE PROPOSALS FROM IIT'S IS NOT YET CLEAR. ACCORDING TO BORDIA IT WOULD PERHAPS BE THE BUREAU OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.

3. THE MEETING WITH DR. RAMACHANDRAN, SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WAS EXTREMELY CORDIAL. HE WAS WELL CONVERSANT WITH THE NBS FOREIGN CURRENCY PROGRAM AND SAID THAT HE GREATLY VALUED THE KIND OF RESEARCH THAT HAS RESULTED FROM THE NBS PROJECTS IN INDIA. IN FACT, HE VOLUNTEERED TO PURSUE WITH THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION THE CLEARANCES OF ANY PENDING PROPOSALS OR SUPPLEMENTS THAT THE NBS FELT REQUIRED URGENT APPROVAL. HE ALSO SAID THAT ANY DELAY IN APPROVAL OF PROJECTS BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION WAS ESSENTIALLY ADMINISTRATIVE IN NATURE AND NOT DUE TO ANY POLITICAL CONSTRAINTS. DR. RAMACHANDRAN IS A MEMBER ON THE RECONSTITUTED NATIONAL SCREENING COMMITTEE.

4. MR. BALDEV SINGH, INDUSTRIAL LIAISON AND EXTENSION OFFICER OF CSIR WHO WAS OFFICIATING IN ABSENCE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL DR. NAYUDAMMA SAID THAT HE KNEW OF NO DIRECTIVE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA REQUIRING ANY RESTRAINT ON COLLABORATION BETWEEN INDIAN AND AMERICAN RESEARCHERS.

ACTION: THE SCIENCE COUNSELOR HAS BEEN A SPECIAL INVITEE TO ALL PREVIOUS NATIONAL SCREENING COMMITTEE MEETINGS. SINCE ANIL BORDIA IS NEW TO THE JOB, AND NOT CONVERSANT WITH THE OLD PRACTICE, WE WILL APPRECIATE DR. WILLIAMS' ADVICE WHETHER WE SHOULD BRING THIS FACT TO HIS ATTENTION NOW OR
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